

**Subject:** Re: Question on Repaving Street - Hollywood Media District N. McCadden Place between Santa Monica Bl. and Romaine St.

**From:** Lisa Schechter

**Date:** 04/26/2016 11:08 AM

**To:** Nikki Ezhari

**CC:** Jim Omahen <jim@mediadistrict.org>, "Chi \"Ming\" Gong" <chi.ming.gong@lacity.org>

Dear Nikki:

Ron Groeper has been a past president on the Hollywood Media District BID board and is very active within the Community. His particular street McCadden Place - just south of Santa Monica is in terrible condition. 3/4th of the existing street is in great condition however this portion that Ron is referencing is the section right at Santa Monica and McCadden.

I have reached out to BSS (Ching Ming Gong) and apparently DWP has a hold on this section until July 2017 - there is absolutely no work being done and I am not even sure if DWP is planning on doing any work.

Do you have a contact with DWP to see if we can get the street segment released?

Please advise,

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**From:** Nikki Ezhari <[nikki.ezhari@lacity.org](mailto:nikki.ezhari@lacity.org)>

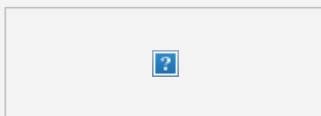
**Date:** Monday, April 25, 2016 at 5:47 PM

**To:** Ron Groeper <[ron@groeperphoto.com](mailto:ron@groeperphoto.com)>

**Cc:** Lisa Schechter <[lisa@mediadistrict.org](mailto:lisa@mediadistrict.org)>

**Subject:** Re: Question on Repaving Street - Hollywood Media District N. McCadden Place between Santa Monica Bl. and Romaine St.

Hi Ron, I'll look into this and get back to you.



**Nikki Ezhari, J.D.**  
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On Tue, Apr 19, 2016 at 5:53 PM, Ron Groeper <[ron@groeperphoto.com](mailto:ron@groeperphoto.com)> wrote:

Hi Nikki,

I met you about 6 years ago when I was President of the Hollywood Media District and we had a BID matter to discuss with Tom LaBonge downtown.

I am the gentleman in the photo standing behind you, third from the left and still serve as Board member of the HMD. Congratulations, by the way on returning as Field Deputy to our District!

I am contacting you regarding getting some information on repairing a portion of my street which neither I nor Lisa Schechter, our Executive Director, have been able to get from BSS. Last year, it was scheduled for repair but fell off the the list due to a DWP hold. If you read the chain of emails below, you will see that we have been trying to get a contact at DWP regarding a hold on the BSS repair of the street.

It is my opinion that the hold was a result of a water main issue that has been resolved and DWP has not bothered to release it. That way it could be put on the list for repair for the next fiscal year in July 2016 instead of July 2017 as Sherman states. Both Lisa and I have sent emails to Sherman Torres asking for further info without reply.

Could you find out from either BSS or DWP what the problem is and when the work can be rescheduled?  
The street is in terrible condition and I have been constantly reporting this as a service request to BSS for over 7 years.

Incidentally, It is only the first 250' of asphalt on McCadden south from Santa Monica Bl. to just past the first alley - the rest of the street towards Romaine is concrete and is fine.

Thanks,  
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**From:** Ron Groeper <[info@mccaddenspace.com](mailto:info@mccaddenspace.com)>

**Subject: Re: Question on Repaving Street - Hollywood Media District N. McCadden Place between Santa Monica Bl. and Romaine St.**

**Date:** April 19, 2016 5:04:35 PM PDT

**To:** Ron Groeper <[ron@groeperphoto.com](mailto:ron@groeperphoto.com)>

**To:** [sherman.torres@lacity.org](mailto:sherman.torres@lacity.org)

**Cc:** [Media District <lisa@mediadistrict.org>](mailto:lisa@mediadistrict.org), [chi.ming.gong@lacity.org](mailto:chi.ming.gong@lacity.org)

Hi Sherman,

I am following up on an email sent by our Executive Director for our BID, Lisa Schechter.

As a property owner and Board Director of the Hollywood Media District, I am concerned about the condition of the street on McCadden Place. Not only has it not been resurfaced for many years, it gets constant traffic from MTA buses as a turnaround and other heavy vehicles.

Concerning your email response about the DWP project, I know that the hold was due to water main issues on the south side of Santa Monica. As far as I know, that work was completed last year and we have not had any issues since. For those repairs, DWP liked to park their equipment just south of Santa Monica Boulevard on McCadden Pl. - the portion of the street that needs the resurfacing. If another rupture should occur during resurfacing, an unlikely coincidence, I see no reason why DWP couldn't park their equipment north of Santa Monica Bl. on McCadden.

The business owners in this area would like this resolved at some point soon and rescheduled for resurfacing. This street has been inspected and approved for resurfacing through coordinating for more than a year. I have personally been making service requests since 2012 (ref#13035294 - 6/20/13). To hold up a street repair of 250' of asphalt for another 6 months or more because water main repairs just might be needed the same day as repaving seems unfair.

Could you please follow up with DWP concerning the hold to see if they will release it so that BSS can schedule resurfacing or let us know who we should contact there?

Thanks,

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On Jan 13, 2016, at 12:05 PM, Media District wrote:

Dear Sherman:

Who at DWP can I contact regarding the "hold" ? What project is DWP anticipating doing? I want to be able to respond to the constituents of the street as the condition in bad.

Thank you

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**From:** Sherman Torres <[sherman.torres@lacity.org](mailto:sherman.torres@lacity.org)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 12:01 PM  
**To:** Lisa Schechter <[lisa@mediadistrict.org](mailto:lisa@mediadistrict.org)>  
**Cc:** "Chi \"Ming\" Gong" <[chi.ming.gong@lacity.org](mailto:chi.ming.gong@lacity.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Question on Repaving Street - Hollywood Media District N. McCadden Place between Santa Monica and Romaine

Hi Lisa,  
This location is currently on hold for a DWP project through July 2017 and therefore cannot be resurfaced at this time. However, once it has been cleared of the hold, it will be considered providing there is available funding and no additional request for utility or other holds.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Thanks

Sherman Torres  
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From: **Media District** <[lisa@mediadistrict.org](mailto:lisa@mediadistrict.org)>  
Date: Tue, Jan 12, 2016 at 4:48 PM  
Subject: Question on Repaving Street - Hollywood Media District N. McCadden Place between Santa Monica and Romaine  
To: "Chi \"Ming\" Gong" <[chi.ming.gong@lacity.org](mailto:chi.ming.gong@lacity.org)>

Dear Ming:

Can you please find out when this street segment is due for repaving or resurfacing as it is in bad condition. Really it is just half of the street that needs to be done.

North McCadden Place between Santa Monica Blvd and Romaine Street,  
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Let me know

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- [Attachments-20/BSS service request.jpeg](#)
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